Collaboration is strong medicine. It is against this backdrop that UC Davis School of Medicine and Medical Center are educating the next generation of physicians to confront medicine’s most daunting challenges. Students learn how to address problems from a wide variety of perspectives in order to find unique ways to prevent, diagnose and treat disease. Physicians and researchers share advances with health professionals worldwide, improving medical care for patients everywhere.

The School of Medicine currently has a multi-site campus with facilities on the university campus in Davis, Calif., and the medical center campus in Sacramento. Today, students spend their first two years in Davis, distanced from the clinical environment of the medical center. While they understand the importance of traditional classroom and book study, many hunger for more immediate contact with patients. Similarly, those who enter their third year of study at the medical center lose the social support of their junior colleagues on the Davis campus. Many look for ways to mentor younger students to enhance their own study and practice.

We now have an exciting opportunity to provide all four years of medical education on the medical center campus in Sacramento. The new Center for Education and F. William Blaisdell, M.D., Medical Library will unite students and faculty in one central location, providing them with a more collaborative and dynamic medical education experience and integrating basic and clinical training into all four years of medical education. The center will incorporate cutting-edge technologies that are essential to prepare medical students for the healthcare challenges of the future.

The Center for Education and Medical Library will be a source of support and inspiration for students well after graduation and will offer immediate access to the latest information to practice evidence-based medicine. The center will create a sustained learning environment to which graduates, faculty and researchers can turn throughout their careers for research, collaboration and answers to medical challenges. Put simply, it is the symbol of the future of medicine and health care in California and beyond.
The Center for Education and F. William Blaisdell, M.D., Medical Library will be located on the medical center campus in Sacramento. The facilities will enable UC Davis School of Medicine and Medical Center to:

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- Address the shortage of physicians by enabling the school to teach and graduate more students each year
- Enhance patient care in the region by accommodating more students who may staff clinics in underserved communities
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UC Davis School of Medicine

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The School of Medicine teaches more than 400 students each year. It offers dual-degree programs, including masters’ degrees in public health or business administration. UC Davis is the first and largest medical school in California to offer a family nurse practitioner/physician assistant program. The program has graduated more than 1,500 students, many of whom provide primary care in underserved areas. The school’s curriculum reflects today’s societal issues, such as patient-doctor communication, ethics and clinical reasoning. Many graduates go on to conduct medical research.

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- State-of-the-art access to books, electronic information and other reference materials to support all of the school’s missions.
- Computer, clinical skills and training labs that will offer medical students a hands-on, innovative educational experience.
- Classrooms, lecture halls and offices that will provide faculty with contemporary, adaptable spaces in which to implement a broader scale of teaching models, from small groups to case- and problem-based studies.
- Café and lounge spaces that will allow faculty and students from all classes the opportunity to interact with each other.

**About the Center**

The 122,000-square-foot Center for Education and F. William Blaisdell, M.D., Medical Library will be situated on a two-acre site between the Surgery and Emergency Services Pavilion, now under construction, and the Lawrence J. Ellison Ambulatory Care Center. The facilities will include:

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Leadership Profile

CLAIRE POMEROY, M.D., M.B.A.
Dean, UC Davis School of Medicine
Vice Chancellor, Human Health Sciences
Professor of Internal Medicine
Professor of Microbiology and Immunology

- M.D., University of Michigan College of Medicine
- M.B.A., University of Kentucky
- Expert in infectious diseases and informatics
- Served as a reviewer for the National Institutes of Health and the Department of Veterans Affairs and chaired the Veterans Administration Research Career Scientist Program review group
- Serves on the Board of Directors of the UC Davis M.I.N.D. Institute and Sacramento CARES Clinic

BRINGING IT ALL TOGETHER

Vision and Needs

- A hub of learning on the Sacramento campus that brings all four years of medical school education together on the medical campus
- Dynamic community of faculty, staff and trainees learning together to address future challenges in health care
- Create a model for the learning environment of tomorrow that utilizes the latest technology to enhance access to information
- Attract the highest caliber of students and faculty
- Enhance life-long learning and provide access to information to clinicians across the campus and throughout the community
- Bring together learners from all health-care backgrounds to collaborate and allow multi-disciplinary approaches to clinical care and research

Initiative Chair

JOSEPH SILVA, Jr., M.D.
Professor of Internal Medicine
Dean Emeritus, UC Davis School of Medicine

- M.D., Northwestern University Medical School
- Two-term regent of the American College of Physicians
- Former president of the Infectious Diseases Society of Northern California
- Past member of the Board of Trustees of the California Medical Association

His collaborative and consensus-building style allowed for the further integration of UC Davis School of Medicine and Medical Center into UC Davis Health System. Among academic medical institutions, the health system is recognized for achieving and maintaining one of the most successful mergers of a school and hospital into a single, integrated organization.

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